

**Calef Turnaround & Conservation Commission:** The town's cost (counting cost of labor, equipment, materials etc.) is \$30,000 and the quote for an outside vendor is \$28,231. The Board started looking much more closely at what I would call "lost opportunity" types of cost when calculating DPW contribution to another recent project (tower) where DPW equipment, labor and materials is being used. The DPW calculation of cost (\$30,000) is based on what we would charge for everything, I believe using what FEMA reimburses for equipment costs, our average labor costs including benefits, purchase price of materials, etc. That number is obviously much higher than just materials specially bought for the project. The question that I expect the Conservation Commission will be asking of the Selectmen is if they are willing to absorb some or most of the value carried in the DPW operating budget so the Conservation Commission does not have to pay as much for the work out of the Conservation Fund. I believe the second question will be one of what other project might get postponed. It is clear that DPW has a lot of work planned and it is uncertain when or if DPW can get to the project. ***What does the Board wish to do?***

**Library sign:** The Library Trustees would like to place a sign in front of the Safety Complex with changeable letters to advertise what is going on at the library. The presence and location have been run by NHDOT, Peter Cook, Dick Conway, Rick Walker, John Huckins and Marcia Gasses. It needs to be 33 feet from the center line of Route 9 and not block the lines of sight for the fire entrance. Sign size is 3' by 4'. We believe there is consensus that the only remaining approval needed is that of the Board of Selectmen, who have authority over town property. ***Will the Board of Selectmen agree to it?***



**Envision:** The Envision project and committees have done a lot for the Town and deserve thanks for their time. However I believe it is time to move on to the next step, which is the work of the Master Plan Committee for the Planning Board. This would involve completion of the work of the Envision subcommittees. The Board of Selectmen may want to work with the Planning Board on a transition of the economic development subcommittee to a committee that reports to the Board of Selectmen. I believe a joint meeting with the Planning Board would be useful in general for discussion of not only this issue, but also to get an update on the Capital Improvement Plan work which is just starting in the Planning Board. ***What does the Board of Selectmen wish to do?***

**Solar:** The petition received on Solar requires the Board bring a warrant article to the next town meeting with a number of specific details on solar for a vote, unless the petition is withdrawn (getting below 25 votes). That is our attorney's interpretation based on the wording of the petition. Going to Town Meeting eliminates the 41:14-a issue with the lease and the non-appropriation clause so we could reopen the RFP or consider both of the firms that have submitted. I believe there are two questions that need to be answered. 1. Does the Board wish to proceed planning a warrant article for Town Meeting? 2. If we are proceeding, how shall we pick a vendor to prepare a full agreement, including final PPA contract language, location details, etc.? ***How does the Board wish to proceed?***

**Nonpublic:** *reputation (tax deeded property), personnel*

**Information:**

**Town owned 125 land:** March 2003 Town meeting approved by a vote of 993-279 the following: "To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate and execute the sale and transfer of the 125-acre parcel identified as Map 14 Lot 0001-0004 located on Route 125 for the purpose of developing an environmentally sensitive commercial and/or industrial park which shall exclude residential housing?" There was no expiration on the authority to sell it.

**Website:** We will plan to paste the agenda into the calendar listing and attach the TA report to the calendar listing. That way off the top right side of the home page a person can click the event, have the agenda show up on a page for the event and be one click from the TA report off that event page.

**Demolition RFQ.** I have sent it out to several companies as well as putting it in the Fosters and a free site for construction companies state-wide that is widely used. I also thought it wise to ask our attorney about the process. Here is the background and question I asked Jae:

"The Town placed a line in the operating budget for the funds to demolish the former Town Hall. This was explained at the Budget Hearing and deliberative session. It appeared in the power point presentation for both. I made sure it was specifically mentioned as one of the larger dollar increases in the operating budget. The town has an RFP out to proceed with the demolition. My understanding is the Board of Selectmen has authority over town property, including the right to demolish the building if it decides to proceed. Is this in fact the case? If a petition comes in to request it go to Town Meeting, does that have binding legal authority to stop the Board from proceeding?"

Here is Jae's response:

"Yes, the selectmen have the right to demolish the building - and the town already voted the funds to do so. A petitioned warrant article for town meeting to change that authorization does not impede the selectmen acting on the prior authority."

**Registration fees:** State law changes will increase auto registration income to the town by \$1 per registration or about \$11,000 a year.

**Blog:** Here is NHMA legal opinion on this question (What are some of the issues and concerns that you would have about allowing an interactive blog on sites managed by the Town (including committees, etc.)?):

Once the town establishes a public forum such as an interactive blog it would be bound by the First Amendment and Pt. 1, Art. 30 of the NH Constitution to permit any content to be posted, except for libelous or obscene speech. The town would have to actively moderate the discussion, and take steps to remove libelous or obscene speech, and ban users who violate the rules of conduct for the interactive blog. Offensive and hypercritical speech directed at town employees or town officials could not be censored. Postings by town officials will likely bring accusations that if a quorum of a public body all comment on the same subject that such would be an illegal electronic meeting.

**Tax Collection:** This year's collection rate appears to be much better than any recent year for percent of tax collected as of July 1 deadline.

**Arsenic Testing:** In conjunction with Dartmouth University and a grant, there will be discounted water testing available Saturday July 18<sup>th</sup> at the transfer station. Barrington is in an area that often has high concentrations of arsenic in drinking water. Everyone should test their water and treat it if found to be high in arsenic.

**You can't see it.  
You can't smell it.  
You can't taste it.**

**Well Water Testing Event!**  
Sat. July 18th, 2015  
8:00 AM to 5:00 PM  
Barrington Transfer Station

**IS THERE ARSENIC IN YOUR WELL WATER?**

**1 in 5**

homeowners' wells in New Hampshire contain unsafe levels of arsenic

**\$15**  
dollars

is all it costs to test your well water for arsenic

**10**  
minutes

is all it takes to collect a water sample

**3-5**  
years

is the recommended frequency for testing

**ARSENIC IS COMMON IN WELL WATER.**

- Arsenic is present in New Hampshire well water because of the state's granite and other types of rock.
- Arsenic in well water can cause serious health issues over time, such as heart problems and bladder, skin, and lung cancer.
- Children are especially vulnerable to the effects of arsenic in water.
- Everyone's wells need testing, so do not rely on the results of your neighbor's test. Arsenic levels vary from house to house.
- Common treatment methods, such as boiling, pitcher filters, or a water softener, do not remove arsenic.
- There are many resources available to help! We suggest you start at: <http://www.dartmouth.edu/~toxmetal/arsenic>

**TESTING YOUR WATER IS EASY.**

- The first step to keeping your family safe is to test your well water for arsenic and other contaminants.
- The cost to test your water ranges from about \$15 for just arsenic to \$85 for a standard package of tests of the most common contaminants.
- Sample collection bottles are easily available from state or private labs. Bottles can be mailed to you and samples can be mailed back. Directions will be included in your kit.
- If testing shows that you have unsafe levels of arsenic, there are reliable options to address it.
- For a list of certified labs, visit: <http://www2.des.nh.gov/CertifiedLabs>

**TEST YOUR WATER TODAY, AND THEN AGAIN EVERY 3 TO 5 YEARS.**

**Stop by on July 18th to pick up a Well Water Test Kit!**